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MANNING LEADING BLEASE FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP

About 5,000 Votes Ahead Last Night

RETURNS POINT TO MANNING VICTORY

With a Large Part of the Total Vote Heard From, Indications were last night that Manning would defeat Blease by at least 5,000 Majority. Laurens Goes for Blease.

A long distance message from Columbia at 11:30 gave Manning 68,398 and Blease 63,797 with about 5,000 votes yet to hear from.

With nearly 118,000 votes heard from at 10 o'clock last night, the indications were that Governor Richard I. Manning had defeated former Governor Cole L. Blease by a majority of approximately 4,500 votes. Although other votes are yet to be heard from, it is considered unlikely that Blease will overcome the Manning lead. The following is the last bulletin received last night:

"Bleasé, 56,802; Manning, 61,188; Canisler wins; Dominick wins."—News and Courier.

Canisler Defeats Fant. After having made six successive races for Railroad Commissioner "Canisler of Tirzah" was yesterday elected to that office over Albert S. Fant, of Belton. Although returns on this race were very incomplete, it was apparent that he had scored two points to his opponent's one.

Blackwell Defeats Magill. Indications last night were that Homer S. Blackwell, of this city, had defeated Geo. T. Magill, of Greenwood, for solicitor, by about 1,000 votes. The following is the unofficial vote from the four counties as reported up to 10 o'clock last night, a few small boxes still being out in Laurens and Abbeville counties:

	Blackwell	Magill
Laurens	2789	966
Greenwood	878	2058
Newberry	1778	1374
Abbeville	1102	1104
Total	6547	5502

County Races.

Early in the evening it was apparent that Col. J. H. Wharton had defeated Senator O. P. Goodwin for the latter's place in the State Senate. Col. Wharton leading by several hundred votes.

W. D. Byrd and D. L. Boozer were elected to the House of Representatives over Wilson W. Harris and S. W. Puckett. By the election of these two men, an entirely new set of representatives was placed in the legislature from this county.

S. C. Reid was elected sheriff of the county over John D. W. Watts, the appointee of Governor Manning. Mr. Reid had a handsome lead over his opponent.

R. R. Owings was elected coronor over R. J. Franks, this being a very close race.

In the race for County Commissioner J. T. Todd defeated J. B. Hitt. The other commissioner, elected in the first primary, is W. S. Adair.

Magistrates. R. P. Traynham was re-elected magistrate of Laurens township over W. C. Blakely. Richbourg defeated Templeton for magistrate at Clinton. In this connection, it may also be said that Mr. Wess Donnan was unopposed for magistrate in Scaletown township in the first primary, no mention of this having been made in the election story two weeks ago.

Several small boxes had not been heard from last night and complete returns were not made for several other boxes, but the tabulated vote for those boxes reporting may be found in another column.

The election day passed off quietly and the crowd which gathered to hear the returns last night was orderly and good natured.

State and County Democratic Primary Election. September 12, 1916.

	Governor		R. R. Com.		Solicitor		Senate		House of Rep.			Sheriff		Coroner		Co. Com.		
Precincts	Cole L. Blease	Richard I. Manning	James Canisler	Albert S. Fant	H. S. Blackwell	George T. Magill	O. P. Goodwin	J. H. Wharton	D. L. Boozer	W. D. Byrd	Wilson W. Harris	S. W. Puckett	S. C. Reid	J. D. W. Watts	R. J. Franks	R. R. Owings	J. B. Hitt	J. T. Todd
Watts Mill	233	34	210	59	231	39	236	43	224	211	11	97	252	19	255	16	104	167
Poplar Spring	53	55	62	46	66	40	59	38	48	76	51	61	50	58	49	59	53	52
Shiloh	45	15	35	24	35	29	49	11	49	41	8	22	36	24	6	53	29	29
Clinton Mill	174	47	135	84	161	54	154	63	164	100	84	96	166	57	140	83	69	154
Goldville	67	22	43	47	78	11	48	10	56	61	22	33	59	30	62	26	52	37
Ekou	82	16	66	34	71	29	50	50	84	74	22	33	61	36	57	43	67	33
Princeton	32	37	29	40	46	22	30	39	36	35	22	43	38	31	40	29	55	11
Hopewell	27	34	29	32	42	13	23	39	37	30	32	23	39	23	17	45	41	29
Tip Tip	49	3	35	11	15	36	12	40	27	28	9	40	31	21	16	36	33	19
Cross Hill	51	118	105	54	131	31	119	72	128	73	63	55	104	30	151	146	26	26
Ora	17	31	39	22	41	9	16	35	19	47	18	18	45	6	30	20	4	46
Waterloo	28	38	11	53	48	18	1	66	14	32	35	51	50	17	28	39	65	2
Lauford	26	36	...	...	49	13	29	31	27	32	12	30	55	8	30	38	11	52
Gray Court	83	97	82	38	109	69	73	107	88	141	52	73	126	53	60	18	79	100
Clinton	91	231	...	...	239	76	85	235	148	197	224	67	190	130	127	117	32	294
Laurens Mill	148	43	122	71	142	17	147	46	149	137	25	73	119	73	176	17	87	103
Owings Station	26	57	49	31	58	21	32	47	15	59	29	57	43	37	4	76	49	30
Youngs	52	37	40	49	52	36	51	38	51	45	28	52	77	11	12	76	25	63
Woodville	83	62	81	61	100	45	85	55	43	71	19	99	97	48	16	129	52	93
Laurens	184	376	259	302	451	101	416	229	451	262	162	277	287	352	210	245	314	314
Dials	31	13	...	...	32	13	29	16	25	24	3	39	37	8	11	34	14	30
Reno	19	57	...	...	71	16	11	70	61	56	23	22	13	68	21	60	8	71
Thompson Store	49	32	28	43	72	9	60	21	43	16	27	46	14	37	6	75	48	33
Wade	11	7	28	9	21	24	26	20	38	21	15	20	16	30	9	39	45	2
Mc Pleasant	30	42	28	44	27	22	21	29	59	51	6	20	37	13	39	11	43	7
Daniel's Store	38	32	49	21	42	30	16	56	27	49	21	45	19	22	15	57	45	27
Langston	48	57	52	49	81	19	50	19	38	60	20	59	11	48	22	4	66	6
Mountville	113	45	97	61	111	46	103	55	117	79	29	91	82	76	65	92	80	78
Hickory Tavern	29	29	42	16	43	15	30	28	36	10	12	27	49	7	28	30	26	38
Pleasant Mound	61	13	67	11	63	11	48	29	65	44	11	34	60	17	60	16	43	33
Lydia Mill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	2094	1730	1920	1420	2789	966	1772	2006	2178	2528	1219	1598	2383	1102	1850	1951	1735	2943

MAINE WENT REPUBLICAN.

Democrats Lose the Governorship and Seats in Congress and the United States Senate.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—Revised figures from yesterday's election place the plurality of Carl E. Milliken, republican, for governor over Governor Curtis at 13,355.

Returns from isolated points are straggling in.

Returns from the border show that the Second Main infantry gave Milliken 300 out of 470.

The republicans won all congress and senate seats. The pluralities are practically unchanged from last night. The revised gubernatorial vote shows: Milliken 79,992; Curtis, 66,547.

The vote for United States Senator: Hale, republican, 78,014; Fernald, republican, 79,368; Johnson, democrat, 68,273; Sils, democrat, 66,832. Congressman: Goodall, republican, 19,732; Stevens, democrat, 16,103; White, republican, 19,157; McGRILLY, democrat, 18,770; Peters, republican, 15,066; Pierce, democrat, 11,913.

ACCIDENTALLY INJURED.

Automobile Overturning—Injures Two Laurens Farmers.

Two farmers of the county, Will S. Bolt and J. Abe Coars, were badly injured Saturday night in an automobile accident near Owings station, 12 miles west of Laurens and two other passengers, B. B. Hill of the city and S. R. Sloan of the county, were pretty badly shaken up, when their car was overturned and wrecked by running into an embankment near the railroad crossing. Mr. Bolt suffered the greatest injury, perhaps, he having received a serious contusion on the head and otherwise bruised and cut on the body by the terrific impact. The party was brought to the city and the members given medical attention. Later in the evening they were carried to their respective homes.—Greenville Daily News.

Mrs. Marguerite Sullivan Dead.

Friday morning at about 8:30 o'clock Mrs. Marguerite Sullivan, wife of the late Capt. Wash Sullivan, died at her home, Charlton Hall, in Sullivan Township. The deceased was 81 years of age and had been ill for a long time. The burial took place the following day at the burial ground at Lebanon Church where her membership had been for many years. She is survived by five step-children: Mrs. W. H. Clark and Mr. J. H. Sullivan, of this city, Mr. G. W. Sullivan, of Williamston, Mrs. Garlington of Columbia, and Mrs. Goodgion of this county.

GIANT STEEL SPAN DROPS INTO RIVER

Eleven Men Meet Death in Effort to Reconstruct St. Lawrence River Bridge. Hundreds See Accident.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—With the loss of 11 lives today the second attempt to bridge the St. Lawrence river here resulted in a failure when the massive center span, weighing 5,100 tons, suddenly collapsed and fell into the river. Of the 99 men caught on the span when it began to sway all were rescued except the 11, and of these only four bodies have been found.

The span was being raised from pontoons about 15 feet above the water, when from some unknown cause it collapsed and sank into the river, which is 200 feet deep at this place.

The St. Lawrence river was filled with many boats at the time of the accident, and on the hills along the shore were hundreds of persons who came by rail and automobile to see the culmination of the mighty engineering project. The big steel frame was taken in tow to the gap which it was expected to fill.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the pontoons reached the allotted place and were withdrawn by tugs, caving the massive girder resting on hydraulic jacks. They had begun to raise the big span while the crowds shouted, thinking that they had seen the most impressive ceremony of the bridge raising. The spectators began to leave, when suddenly there was a roar of breaking steel and the span dove into the water.

The 99 or more men who were on the span were thrown into the river and about 65 were rescued by pleasure craft.

P. F. Johnson, president of the St. Lawrence & Dominion Bridge companies, accompanied by a number of engineers, inspected the anchor of the bridge yesterday. Tonight he said of the accident:

"We are at a total loss to account for it. The lifting apparatus is still in place and is practically uninjured. It is hard to say whether the bridge slipped off its end bearings or whether the trusses of the span failed."

W. B. Undergrad, representative of Watson Stillman company, Aldene, N. J., installing the hydraulic jacks, who is in charge of the installation of the bridge, said:

"The jacks are still in their positions and are practically intact. There was no weight on them when the span moved off. They were just getting ready to take hold again to lift the span to the fourth notch. It is hard to say just what caused the accident. I may say, however, that nothing in the way of expense had been spared

by the company to guard against possible mishap. Then the regrettable affair occurred."

Navigation on the St. Lawrence, suspended for 24 hours while the span raising operations were in progress, was ordered held up indefinitely tonight.

Coroner J. O. Licor, of Quebec, began an inquest this afternoon.

The collapse of the initial span of the Quebec bridge August 29, 1907, was one of the greatest disasters in engineering history. Then 60 engineers and workmen perished. The loss to the government in subsidies and guaranteed bonds was \$26,000,000.

Today's accident happened when the engineers attempted to place the new central span in position to be hoisted to its place as the connecting link of the great street structure. The connecting arms were not injured and it is probable that still another attempt will be made to complete the project.

The span which fell today weighed more than 5,000 tons and was 630 feet long. It was conveyed to its position under the connecting arms on pontoons and had just been transferred to hydraulic jacks when it fell with a break of girders into the water. Accounts differ concerning the collapse. All agree, however, that the pontoons had been released and that the span was being lifted by the massive hydraulic jacks. According to some speculators, the northern end of the span gave way; others declared the structure buckled at the center.

Musical at Mountville.

A musical entertainment will be given next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium at Mountville. The program will consist of songs by the Laurens male quartet and piano recitals by others. Ice cream and cake will be served and the exercises will conclude with an old fashioned cake walk. Everybody invited.

Goes to Belton.

The Belton Mercantile Company, one of the largest firms in town, has with them Mr. J. W. Payne, of Laurens, a gentleman who has spent the best part of his life in the dry goods business. Mr. Payne comes highly recommended and he will be a good asset to the business, having charge of the dry goods department.—Belton Journal.

Capt. Little Dead.

Capt. J. R. Little died during the night last night. Funeral services have not yet been announced, but it is thought that they will take place at the Clinton cemetery this afternoon.

LONE BURGLAR MEETS TRAGIC END THURSDAY

Meets Death at Hands of Policeman Owens

DARING DEED BY POLICEMAN

Burglar had Entered Laurens and Gray Court Houses and was Then Apparently on his Way to Fountain Inn for Another Raid. Officer Exonerated.

Another newly made mound has been made in the secluded spot in the Laurens cemetery set apart for the criminal dead. Another victory over the roving lawless has been won and another achievement added to the list of those made by Laurens county officers in the enforcement of law. It all came about in a series of events which culminated in a death grapple between Pruden Ramus, a burglar, and Columbus L. Owings, a Laurens county rural policeman, near the Greenville county line Thursday night. The burglar's remains now rest beneath the sod and the rural policeman is nursing an arm in which two bullets were embedded during the conflict.

Between the midnight hour and sunrise Wednesday morning a series of burglaries were committed in this city, which promised for a while to battle the city and county officers. The home of Policeman Edgar Blakely, L. B. Blackwell, Y. C. Hollams, Hance Crews, J. A. Rogers and J. W. Wolf were entered and money in various amounts to a total of \$81 was secured. In Mr. Wolf's house the intruder contented himself with securing a bunch, consisting largely of potato custard. In no instance were watches or other valuables carried off. Clues left by the burglar and followed by the police lead toward Gray Court, but during that day the officers were unable to intercept him. Wednesday night he began operations again, entering several houses at Gray Court, including those of Belton Owings, Rev. J. H. Washington, Rev. Mr. Baggett and J. W. Wells. In the first three houses he secured the sum of \$14, but in the latter two he was frightened away before getting anything. Clues found the next day again lead away from Laurens and Gray Court toward Fountain Inn. Sheriff Watts, with his assistants Claude Owings, Virgil White, Columbus Owings and Andy Boyd, assisted by Chief Crews and Policemen Powers, followed clues all day and at night drew up before Fountain Inn to intercept the marauder in his expected raid on that place.

About 10:30 o'clock, after waiting for several hours, things began to happen in quick succession. Rural Policeman Owings and Boyd had gone down the railroad track several hundred yards and had taken their places in advance of the other officers. They were seated on railroad cross-ties discussing plans for further movements when a lone stranger was seen walking toward them. They remained till until the stranger was almost abreast of them, when Policeman Boyd hailed him. Hearing no reply, Policeman Owings called on him to halt and at once started toward him. The stranger replied by whipping out his pistol, a quick-firing automatic, and opening fire, turning to escape at the same time. Running some distance, closely followed by Policeman Owings, who had gotten between him and Policeman Boyd, he whirled around and opened a direct fire at Mr. Owings. The officers in the distance assert that up until then, judging by the peculiar sounds of the pistols, Policeman Owings had not shot, but when the supposed burglar opened a direct fire the policeman shot twice, hitting his opponent in the side and bringing him to the ground. Policeman Owings followed up his advantage and continued his approach. The burglar continued to shoot from a stooping posture, Mr. Owings receiving two bullets in his right arm but inflicting a mortal wound upon the other man. The last shots were fired so close together, said Mr. Owings, that he does not know whether he fired the fatal shot before being shot himself or not, but he does know that the fallen man attempted to shoot two more times, but his pistol failed to respond. Knowing the ditch, he died almost instantaneously.

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RHETT G. COLEMAN DIED FRIDAY.. FROM ACCIDENTAL INJURY

Only Son of Late H. G. Coleman Met Fatal Accident by Falling in Front of Train. Funeral Services at Greenville Saturday.

Rhett G. Coleman, son of the late H. G. Coleman, of this county and himself well known here, met an accidental death at Belton Friday afternoon. Mr. Coleman worked for many years on the railroads running through this city and had many friends here. The following account of his death was taken from The Greenville News:

"Mr. Coleman was conductor on freight train No. 51, and as his train was nearing the end of its run at Belton, Friday afternoon at four o'clock, Mr. Coleman, who was riding in the caboose, leaned forward to uncouple the abutment, in order to have this much of the work finished. In doing so he lost his balance and fell in front of the wheels, receiving injuries which afterwards proved fatal.

"Mr. Coleman was originally from Laurens, but for the past six years he has made his home in this city, being employed first by the Southern Public Utilities Co., as conductor, and after several years of faithful service he was promoted to the position of conductor on the Interurban lines. He was forty years of age and is survived by his wife and three sisters as follows: Mrs. Geo. W. Turnipseed of Anniston, Ala., Mrs. B. L. Allen of Johnston, S. C. and Mrs. Frank V. Covington of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. J. O. Jones who lives on Townes St., is a sister in law. Mr. Coleman was a member of Prospect Baptist church of Laurens county.

"He was an active member of the Masons, his membership being with Walden Lodge of this city. Besides, he was a member of Cedar Camp, Woodmen of the World.

"The services this afternoon will be in charge of the Masons, and it is requested that all members of Walden Lodge assemble at their hall, corner of Frank and Hampton Ave., at 4:15 this afternoon and attend the funeral in a body.

"All members of Cedar Camp W. O.

Court News.

The regular September term of court of General Sessions convened Monday morning with Judge Bowman of Orangeburg, presiding. The grand jury returned true bills in thirty-four cases, most of which being larceny, however, there are several murder cases on docket. In view of the fact that yesterday was election day, court adjourned until this morning. Cases already disposed of are: Cal Vance, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons, tried in absence, guilty, and sentenced to 1 year. Plumer Pinson—same charge, guilty, sentence suspended upon payment of \$150.

Jim Burnside, plead guilty to the charge of violation of dispensary law, sentence suspended upon payment of \$100 and upon serving 30 days on the public works of this county.

George Walker, plead guilty to charge of larceny, sentence 1 year on public works of this county.

George Hozie, plead guilty to charge of entering house with intent to steal and larceny, sentence 1 year in reformatory.

Will Martin, found guilty of the charge of larceny, sentenced to 22 months in reformatory.

Going to Belton.

Instead of going to Baltimore, as stated in the last issue of The Advertiser, Mr. J. W. Payne and family will move to Belton, in this state, where Mr. Payne will have charge of a large department store. Miss Ruth Payne and Messrs. James and Douglas will leave the city in a few days for other places where they hold positions.

W. are asked to meet at the residence on Elford St., at five o'clock.

The Piedmont and Northern Association will also meet at their hall at four o'clock, and from there they will attend the funeral.

"The active pallbearers will be chosen from the members of Walden Lodge. His friends among the railroad men will act as honorary pallbearers, together with the officials of the railway.

"The interment will be in Springwood cemetery."